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All the People

All Are Welcome to Worship at
St John's United Church of Christ
on Madeline Island

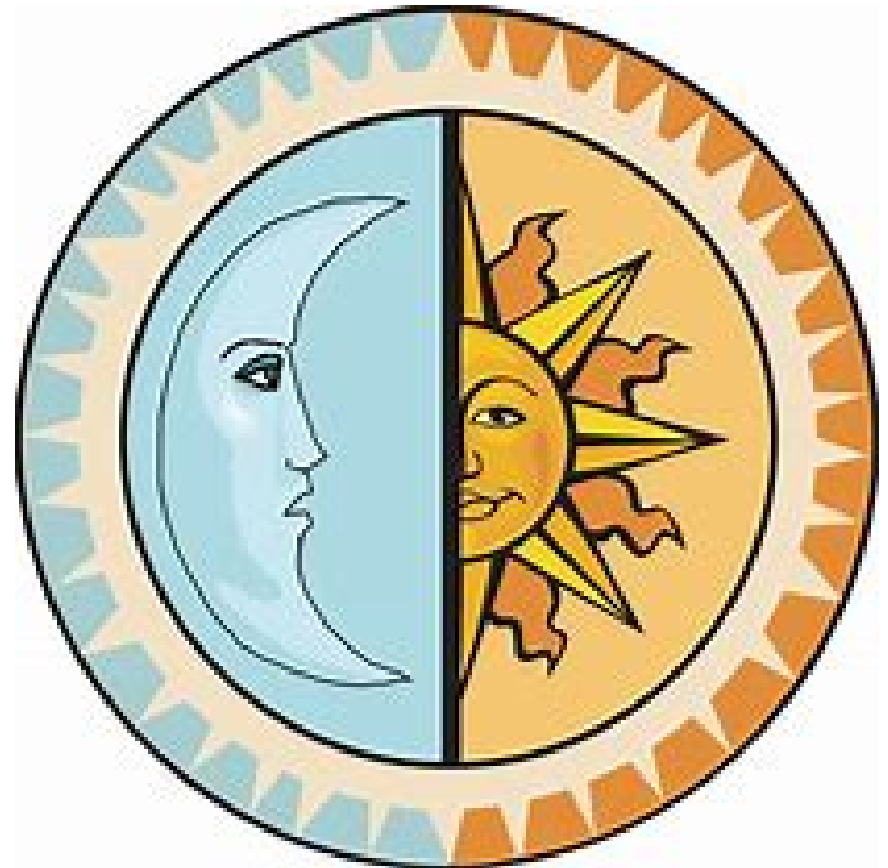
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The Edge of Love

Here we are at the edge of love.
Who will we be at the edge of love?
Is there forgiveness in the fire?
Is love like a seed cracked open?

The song of love is here.
We know just how to heal.
May we sing and let love grow.

I am here, yes, I am with you,
I am the face of love now.



Pastor Nathan, Sarah and Sunny at the new office!

Getting to Know You....

Pastor Nathan invites you to a “getting to know you” conversation. Just like Deborah Kerr sang in the King and I, “Getting to know you, Getting to know all about you” is a chance to connect, share, and become better acquainted. Nathan has set up online scheduling to make it easy for you to book a time to meet with him. Go to <https://nathan518.youcanbook.me/> to book a time that’s convenient for you. Nathan’s “Getting to Know You” sessions can either be in person or via Zoom! And the conversation can cover whatever topics you wish! There are no set agenda items or expectations!

CALENDAR

September 17th After worship service the church members will meet for a quick vote on the changes to the Constitution.

The Island Closet is open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 9 – 2, through September. Please talk to Gwen if you'd like to be a volunteer.

Woods Hall hours for September
Mon through Sat 11 – 5
Sun 11 - 3

Balance Exercise Group

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM in St John's Fellowship Hall
These exercises will help improve participants strength, flexibility, balance, and endurance. They are especially helpful in fall prevention. Please join us!

Questions? Contact Becky Hogan at 218-310-6092.

AA Meetings

Saturdays at 5:30pm
Fellowship Hall

AlAnon Meeting *Serenity on the Rock AlAnon Meetings in the Fellowship Hall*

Join us on Tuesdays 4:00 – 5:00pm

AlAnon is a mutual support organization for the families and friends of alcoholics. All are welcome.



PRELUDE

Sheri Milburn

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Nathan Holst

Pastor: Disciples and doubters, faithful and feckless,

People: we are God's, who welcomes us all.

Pastor: Followers and those who lag behind,
open-hearted and close-minded,

**People: we are the Lord's,
who is always patient with us.**

Pastor: Reconcilers and rabble-rousers, foolish and fearless,

**All: we are the Spirit's, who encourages us
in every moment.**

written by Thom Shuman

*OPENING HYMN "Edge of Love" Pastor Nathan Holst
(lyrics on inside of front cover)*

UNISON PRAYER

God of change and hope, we ask you to guide our hearts as we continue to learn love and forgiveness in our lives. In the layers of hurt and complexity, bring your light to show us the next step on the path toward right relationship. Wrap us in the love and safety of beloved community so we can bravely forgive others as we learn to forgive ourselves. We pray that all may be one in you. Amen.

STORY FOR ALL AGES

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE Genesis 50: 15 – 21 Matthew 18: 21 – 35
Joan Watts

SERMON "The Many Faces of Forgiveness"
Pastor Nathan Holst

REFLECTIVE MUSIC *Sheri Milburn*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY

CLOSING HYMN "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" No. 76

BENEDICTION



*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall
after the service for conversation,
coffee and refreshments
hosted by Mark & Bonnie Matuseski*



PRAYER LIST

Those in need of healing: Anna & Steve Lennick, Jerome Walch, Leslie Livingston, Sandy Erwin, Ron Crofoot & Steve Bade (friends of Ronnie), Judy Schmidt, Bill Hable, Judith and Terry Ball, Susie Laroche (Regina's Mom), Ginny Stryker Brodeen (Julie's cousin), Jackie Nelson, Gabriella (Regina's niece), Margie Smith, Joel (Judy Hable's nephew), Delores Huber, Kate Smith, Kevin (Ronnie's cousin), Mary (Judy Hable's granddaughter), Jay Costello (Penny Gill's cousin), Betty Tillman (Sue Pass's mom), Tom Lewandowski (Becky, Molly and Julie's brother) and Todd Carlson.

Our Elders in care: Gary Rieman, Jim Lacy, John Soucek & Helen Anderson.